

# ***First Parish Church of Stow and Acton***

## **Religious Education Committee Policy**

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### **I. POLICY STATEMENT**

Offering quality religious education programming is critical for attracting and maintaining a robust family membership in our church. The mission of the Religious Education Committee (REC) is to guide the children and youth of the First Parish Church of Stow and Acton in their spiritual and social development by offering classes, activities, rites of passage, and interactions rooted in Unitarian Universalist principles, values and traditions to achieve the long-range objectives of liberal religious education. These programs help build community among our children and youth, encourage each of our youth to develop an understanding of his/her identity as a Unitarian Universalist and help each child and youth to develop a personal sense of value within the church and wider community.

### **II. SCOPE**

The REC works in collaboration with the Minister, the Director of Religious Education (DRE), other religious education staff, and other task forces and committees to set policies and goals, coordinate special events, build connections within the FPC community and with neighboring UU churches, recruit volunteers, and support the DRE in making the RE Program successful, including assisting in community outreach events.

### **III. RESPONSIBILITY**

The REC, working with the groups above, ensures adequate space, equipment, curricula, supplies, and records are maintained to run the program efficiently. In addition, the Committee acts as the liaison between the congregation and the staff in matters of program, activities, and functions of the Religious Education Program and provides input and assistance, as needed, to other groups who plan events and activities that include children and youth.

The REC is responsible for maintaining this policy and reports to the Board of Trustees.

### **IV. DEFINITIONS**

RE: Religious Education  
REC: Religious Education Committee  
DRE: Director of Religious Education

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### V. REFERENCES

A primary goal of the Religious Education Committee is to ensure a safe and welcoming environment for all participants. The REC therefore seeks to educate and encourage church members and other groups to abide by church policies that pertain to events that include families, children, and youth, including:

- FPC Sexual Misconduct and Abuse Policy
- Procedure for Preventing Sexual Misconduct and Abuse (Including Recommendations for Supervision)
- FPC Code of Conduct for Working with Children and Youth
- FPC Nut Free policy
- FPC REC Publicity Policy for Children and Youth
- FPC Child Care Policy

### VI. APPROVAL SIGNATURES

Rebecca Stadolnik, interim REC chair 3/22/21

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Originator / Date

On behalf of the Board of Trustees



April 12, 2021

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FPC President / Date